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Trades in More Than One SIC (continued)

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rate			
		Low	Median	High	Average
Mason's Tender	228	\$3.35	\$ 5.90	\$10.52	\$ 8.62
Mechanic	168	4.25	6.60	18.68	6.73
Millwright	55	7.00	10.79	12.14	10.47
Painter, Brush	182	3.80	5.75	15.00	6.16
Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.	847	3.75	14.05	18.00	12.27
Roofer	180	4.00	7.00	10.40	7.04
Sheet Metal Worker	337	3.75	9.00	17.60	8.88
Tool Operator	57	4.70	5.50	11.45	6.17
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	400	3.75	5.00	8.28	5.05
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	705	3.50	5.25	9.45	5.36

NOTES:

**Average Wage:** The weighted average computed by multiplying each rate by the number of workers receiving that rate then dividing by the total number of workers in the trade.

**Median Wage:** Literally the middle rate, that is no more than half the workers in a trade earn less and no more than half the workers earn in excess of this figure.

The 1982 Maine Construction Wage Survey had an initial mailing to 728 firms. Data from 478 companies was used to produce the 1983 wage determinations and, subsequently, this publication. The majority of the unused reports had fewer than five employees during the second and third weeks of September 1982. Most of the remaining firms were out of business or no longer operating in the State of Maine.

The overall average hourly wage for 1982 was \$7.25. This is based on the 10,005 workers covered by the survey, 51.6% of the 19,375 employed in the Construction Industry Division in September, 1982. (Employment data supplied by the Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research).

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The Maine Construction Wage Survey is conducted under the Prevailing Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law. The major purpose of the survey is to provide accurate hourly wage information to be used in setting minimum wages by trade for State-financed construction projects. Under the law, only data from employers having five or more employees during the second and third weeks of September is used. After collection and verification, state-wide determinations are made for the three types of construction (Building, Highway, Heavy & Bridge). When rates for a specific project are requested, Labor Market Area rates are developed for those trades which show 10 or more employees in that Area and which meet the confidentiality criteria. The rates published herein are presented strictly as statistical information. They should not be confused with the rates used in any general or specific determination.

There are two major differences between this data and the determined rates. The first is that the industry groups differ significantly. For this publication, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system major industry groups are used. Prevailing wage determinations, on the other hand, use data from SIC 15 and 17 for Building rates, SIC 161 for Highway rates, and SIC 162 for the Heavy and Bridge group. Secondly, by law, no rate is set for a trade having less than 10 workers statewide. Data is shown here for

trades with fewer than 10 workers if it was judged to be usable and did not violate confidentiality restrictions.

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## HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1982

## Special Trade Contractors (SIC 17)

## Building Construction (SIC 15)

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average
Backhoe Operator	47	\$4.95	\$ 6.90	\$19.97	\$ 9.03
Bulldozer Operator	25	4.95	7.00	17.49	8.48
Carpenter	1,151	3.50	6.50	13.29	6.93
Cement Finisher	20	4.00	6.00	11.45	6.49
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	11	6.25	12.00	21.08	13.23
Ironworker, Reinforcing	58	5.25	13.65	14.44	12.24
Ironworker, Structural	25	5.25	6.75	14.09	8.67
Laborer, Unskilled	880	3.20	5.00	11.12	5.63
Loader Operator	5	4.75	6.25	8.50	6.30
Mason	64	4.75	9.00	12.00	8.86
Mason's Tender	35	3.75	4.50	9.12	5.21
Mechanic	6	4.50	7.00	18.68	8.78
Millwright	48	8.00	11.06	12.14	10.80
Painter, Brush	42	4.00	5.00	8.00	5.38
Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.	151	6.50	14.05	14.65	13.39
Sheet Metal Worker	23	4.75	6.50	8.30	6.48
Tool Operator	9	4.70	9.37	11.45	8.06
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	18	3.75	4.75	7.25	5.07
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	15	4.75	6.00	8.63	6.52

## Highway and Heavy Construction (SIC 16)

Backhoe Operator	228	4.25	7.25	14.01	7.54
Bituminous Plant Operator	27	5.00	6.30	9.50	6.85
Bituminous Raker/Spreaders	118	4.00	6.35	9.50	6.31
Bulldozer Operator	171	4.70	6.80	12.27	7.22
Carpenter	130	5.00	7.25	12.00	7.53
Compressor Operator	10	3.75	4.75	6.00	4.93
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	36	5.50	7.94	15.26	8.38
Crusher Plant Operator	30	5.00	6.74	9.20	7.01
Gradall Operator	30	5.25	8.12	9.95	7.78
Grader Operator	73	5.00	8.12	11.00	7.99
Laborer, Unskilled	1,338	3.50	4.61	10.00	4.85
Loader Operator	196	4.25	6.40	10.00	6.72
Mason	13	5.60	9.10	10.32	8.73
Mechanic	120	4.25	6.75	10.00	6.84
Paver, Bituminous	84	5.00	6.70	9.70	6.75
Pipe Layer	14	4.75	5.70	8.50	6.20
Roller Operator	170	4.00	6.73	9.70	6.82
Tool Operator	41	3.95	5.50	7.90	5.38
Traffic Officer	46	3.35	4.21	7.50	5.50
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	263	4.00	5.00	8.00	5.03
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	536	4.00	5.25	9.45	5.35

## Special Trade Contractors (SIC 17)

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average
Asbestos Worker	93	\$5.25	\$17.56	\$19.06	\$14.79
Backhoe Operator	75	3.75	6.00	10.00	5.87
Bituminous Raker/Spreaders	15	4.25	5.50	6.50	5.28
Bulldozer Operator	63	3.75	5.70	10.00	5.90
Carpenter	162	4.00	9.97	13.34	8.97
Cement Finisher	17	5.62	6.50	8.50	6.87
Compressor Operator	5	5.00	5.60	7.00	5.86
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	18	7.00	17.11	18.68	15.73
Crane Operator (Under 15 Tons)	19	5.00	6.00	15.00	6.93
Drywall Applicator	29	5.00	7.50	10.00	7.15
Drywall Taper & Finisher	29	5.00	7.00	8.00	6.87
Electrician	328	4.00	10.00	17.70	10.09
Elevator Constructor	14	8.08	10.60	15.71	10.61
Glazier	12	4.83	6.57	7.75	6.47
Grader Operator	7	4.90	5.50	6.20	5.54
Ironworker, Structural	27	5.00	13.68	15.00	11.71
Laborer, Unskilled	466	3.35	5.00	12.20	5.37
Loader Operator	50	3.75	5.43	7.50	5.47
Mason	139	4.00	10.30	15.40	9.80
Mason's Tender	190	3.35	8.45	10.52	7.28
Mechanic	42	4.50	6.00	10.50	6.13
Oilburner Worker	56	4.10	6.72	9.20	6.51
Painter, Brush	139	3.80	5.85	15.00	6.44
Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.	696	3.75	14.05	18.00	12.03
Refrigeration Mechanic	37	4.00	6.50	10.85	6.92
Roofer	170	4.00	7.25	10.40	7.05
Sheet Metal Worker	314	3.75	9.36	17.60	9.06
Sprinklerfitter	28	6.75	13.67	13.67	12.30
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	119	3.75	5.00	8.28	5.09
Truck Driver (3 Axles or More)	154	3.50	5.25	8.63	5.35

## Trades in More Than One SIC

Backhoe Operator	350	3.75	6.80	19.97	7.38
Bituminous Raker/Spreaders	133	4.00	6.25	9.50	6.19
Bulldozer Operator	259	3.75	6.75	17.49	7.02
Carpenter	1,443	3.50	6.50	13.34	7.21
Cement Finisher	55	4.00	7.00	12.32	7.24
Compressor Operator	16	3.75	5.00	7.00	5.23
Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)	65	5.50	8.50	21.08	11.24
Crane Operator (Under 15 Tons)	44	4.95	6.47	17.49	7.81
Glazier	366	4.00	11.06	17.70	10.44
Grader Operator	80	4.90	8.12	11.00	7.78
Ironworker, Structural	53	5.00	12.57	15.00	10.28
Laborer, Unskilled	2,648	3.20	4.72	12.20	5.26
Loader Operator	251	3.75	6.25	10.00	6.46
Mason	216	4.00	9.50	15.40	9.46